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ADD AMERICANS, VIENNA

BENNETT SAID THE RUSSIANS "OFTEN MENTIONED THE POWERS CASE TO US, AND LOVED TO JOKE THAT "POWERS WAS THE POWERS WAS THE POWERS OF THE AIR, BUT KAMINSKY WAS THE POWERS ON LAND."

HE SAID "WE DID NOT KNOW UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE WHEN THE TRIAL WOULD BE HELD AND ALTHOUGH IT LASTED FROM 10:30 TO 7:30 THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ANYTHING BUT TENSE." HE SAID THE TRIAL TOOK PLACE LAST SEPT. 19.

KAMINSKY SAID HE WAS "SURPRISED" AT THE LIGHTNESS OF HIS SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE, BUT ACTED ON HIS DEFENSE LAWYER'S INSTRUCTIONS TO APPEAL TO THE PRESIDUM. BENNETT WAS HELD IN HIS HOTEL AFTER THE TRIAL, ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE NEEDED ONLY AS A WITNESS.

HE SAID THAT "WHEN THE PRESIDUM DECIDED TO EXPEL ME FROM RUSSIA, IT WAS NOT A COMMUTATION OF MY SENTENCE." HE SAID THAT "IF I EVER GO BACK TO RUSSIA, THE SENTENCE IS STILL IN EFFECT. HOWEVER, THEY MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD NEVER LET ME BACK IN."

BENNETT, THE FATHER OF THREE CHILDREN, SAID THEIR ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THEIR FAMILIES HAD FAILED UNTIL THEY REACHED VIENNA. HE SAID THAT AN ATTEMPT TO TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW FROM KIEV ALSO WAS FUTILE.

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